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TAGS: ILO, PLAB, SP
SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: SPANISH POSITION ON LIBYAN-
SYRIAN RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

REF: VANDEN HEUVEL - EATON TELECON

1. FOLLOWING REF TELECON, WE SPOKE WITH THE MFA'S
DIRECTOR GENERAL (EQUIVALENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY)
FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (LOPEZ SCHUMMER),
REVIEWING WITH HIM OUR PROBLEMS WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND
THE ONE IT REFERRED TO, NOTING IT WAS UNFORTUNATE FOR
OUR EFFORTS TO GET BACK INTO THE ILO, AND STRONGLY
URGING THAT SPAIN WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION.

2. LOPEZ SCHUMMER SAID THE SPANISH HAD REPEATEDLY TOLD
THEIR ARAB FRIENDS THAT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE ILO AND
UNESCO WERE NOT AN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR RESOLUTIONS OF
THIS TYPE. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THE POSSIBLE IMPACT
OF THIS RESOLUTION ON THE CHANCES OF THE US REJOINING
THE ILO WAS A SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR THE GOS.

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3. ON THE OTHER HAND, SAID LOPEZ SCHUMMER, SPAIN HAD
VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE 1974 RESOLUTION, AND TO CHANGE
ITS STAND MIGHT BE TAKEN AS A STRONGER DIPLOMATIC
SIGNAL THAN THE GOS WISHED. UNDERLYING THIS CONCERN
WAS THE IMPORTANCE TO SPAIN OF THE ARABS (HISTORIC
TIES, PETROLEUM, TRADE AND INVESTMENT HOPES) AND CONCERN
FOR ARAB AND AFRICAN SUPPORT IN SPAIN'S DETERMINED

EFFORT TO HEAD OFF FURTHER OAU ACTION BACKING THE
CANARIES INDEPENDENCE GROUP MPAIAC.

4. THE PROBLEM HAD BEEN SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA
FOR DECISION, LOPEZ SCHUMMER SAID, AND IT WAS HOPED
OREJA WOULD BE BACK EARLY ENOUGH JUNE 27 TO MAKE A
DECISION IN TIME. WE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THAT
SPAIN HAD DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO CHANGE THE VOTE
FAVORABLE TO THE RESOLUTION IT HAD CAST IN COMMITTEE.

5. COMMENT: SPANISH CONCERN WITH THE CANARIES ISSUE
AND ITS TREATMENT AT THE JULY OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM
CLEARLY PROVED OVERRIDING. EATON

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